

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
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MINUTES OF MEETING – AUGUST 5, 2003

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, at the Municipal Building, Rte 715, Brodheadsville. Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman), Maureen Tatu (Vice-Chair), and Atty. Joseph P. McDonald, Jr. Mike Possinger was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led at the opening of the Building Code Ordinance public hearing held at 6:30 p.m.

Executive Session. Was held on 7/1/03 for a possible litigation issue. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to go into executive session on a tax collector bond issue. (2-0) On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to resume back to the Supervisors meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Appointed Tax Collector. A letter has been received from Sally Helfrich resigning her position of appointed tax collector for 2003 for personal reasons. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to accept this resignation. (2-0) On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to appoint the Pleasant Valley School District to collect the property taxes for 2003. (2-0)

Unit Care Agreement. This unit care agreement is between Jeffrey and Julie Weiss and mother of Jeffrey, Pearl Weiss to construct an accessory use within their home for the care of Mrs. Weiss. All the paperwork was in order, and on motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to approve and sign this agreement. It was noted that Mr. Weiss must bring in a recorded agreement from the courthouse before a certificate of occupancy is issued. (2-0)

Public Comment.

R&R Rabbit Club. Piper Smith, President of the R&R Rabbit Club along with other members of the Board were present to ask the Supervisors their blessing to hold their annual parade on September 27, 2003 from approximately 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon. This includes closing Fairgrounds road for that period of time. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve this parade and road closing. (2-0) A certificate of insurance will be required from the Rabbit Club.

Minutes. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to approve the Minutes of the July 1st, July 7th, and July 18th, 2003 meetings as distributed. (2-0)

Correspondence.

Repository Bids. The tax claim bureau has sent paperwork including bids for properties that the Board needs to sign off on so they may issue deeds. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve repository sale bid sheet for Minter tax ID number 2/25/03/74.

(2-0) On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to disapprove Strong tax ID number 2/15/3/88-11. (2-0)

EIT Conference. A request has been received for Joanne Wernet to attend the annual Earned Income Tax Conference in York, Pa. from September 7th through the 10th. The total cost will be \$413.33. Ms. Les, Business Manager, from the Pleasant Valley School district was in the audience and agreed to split the cost with the Township. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve this conference request with the school district paying half. (2-0)

Web-site Update. The Chestnuthill Township web-site is up and running. It is still a work in progress. The audience was given a flyer with the web address.

Road letter. Maureen received a letter on the roads from Mr. Goddard.

Roadmaster – Joe Weston – Department updates. To date we have paved 32 roads and have used 18,490 tons of blacktop and 667 tons of binder material. We are about 2/3rd the way through. Mrs. Werkheiser congratulated Joe on a job well done in Country Terrace Acres and well as Mr. Bourke on Evergreen Hollow road. Chuck spoke of other road issues that are still pending.

Planning Director – David Albright – Department updates. Dave had a service agreement prepared for the white goods that was bid for the Board and Mr. Mortimer to sign. Mr. Mortimer picks up the appliances and either recycles refurbishes or resells them to foreign markets. A lengthy discussion ensued. Atty. McDonald had a few changes and/or additions to this agreement. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to accept this agreement with Atty. McDonald's changes. (2-0)

Transfer Station. RE: Recycling Ordinance. Nancy from the MCMWA has been assisting commercial business with ways to recycle. In general the larger commercial businesses are recycling; however, smaller businesses are finding it harder to recycle. The business owners either do not live in the township or there is a space issue of where to keep the recyclable, or a money issue for a dumpster. It has been suggested by MCMWA that commercial entities bring their recyclable to the Transfer Station on off days. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to have David Albright investigate this issue further. (2-0)

Old Business.

Park. It has been an ongoing request from the park committee to have staff for maintenance in the park. Chuck had spoke with Tim Hayes from the Burnley workshop that now provides labor at the Transfer Station through the MCMWMA program. Mr. Hayes has proposed to provide the park & recreation board with 2 people for a 40 hour week. 1 Supervisor @ \$12.00 an hour and 1 Crewmember @ \$9.00 an hour. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to contract with Burnley Workshop from September 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003 with an option to renew. 1 Supervisor and 1 Laborer to perform maintenance work in and around the park building and if time permits around the Township building. The expenditures will be split between the park account and the general maintenance account. (2-0)

Senior Housing Advisory Board. Will hold their next meeting on August 21, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

New Business.

Monroe County Arts Council. Is asking the Township for a donation. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve a \$350.00 donation and to ask Laura Gross to come to a meeting to explain what the Monroe County Arts Council is all about. (2-0)

Bond Payment. It is time to make the first interest payment for the bond money. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to have Cathy send out the payment. (2-0) It is also time to pay Hanson for some of the paving work out of the Bond money, and on motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to pay the Hansen bills. (2-0) On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to authorize Cathy Baker, Treasurer to make these payments in a timely manner when they arise without waiting for authorization at a public meeting. (2-0)

Bills. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to pay the bills. (2-0)

Adjournment. There being no further business, on motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to go into executive session on a potential litigation issue at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Baker
Recording Secretary